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Friday, March 9, 2001

Around D-M

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held 7:30 - 11 a.m. March 13. As appointment times fill up additional times will be added. Check-in is at the pharmacy lobby and there will be a donation bus in the parking lot. Call Senior Airman Amanda Marchioni at 8-2886 for more information.

Construction

The inbound and out bound lane closest to the center median at Craycroft Road Gate will be closed from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. March 12 - 16 due to construction. Motorists are encouraged to use the other gates. Call Master Sgt. Ron Hoover at 8-6947 for more information.

Alternate Gates Wilmot Road Gate

Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Swan Road Gate

Monday through Friday from

- 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ♦ 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

55 airmen were saved from a DUI charge by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at 850-2233 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

Three days since last D-M DUI: Last unit: 355th EMS

(Current as of Thursday)



Vintage aircraft flew in formation over the city of Tucson paired with Air Combat Command's frontline fighters during U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight practice sessions Saturday and Sunday at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

emo pilots fly with WWII warbirds

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda 355th Wing

The 355th Wing hosted elements of the Air Combat Command Heritage Flight Saturday and Sunday.

This was an aerial demonstration that teamed up Air Combat Command's F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II tactical demonstration team aircraft with vintage, privately-owned F-86 Sabre Jet, P-51 Mustang and P-38 Lightning aircraft.

Retired Col. Frank Borman, former astronaut, said, "It (the conference) helps remind people that this freedom we enjoy was paid for by a lot of people with their lives."

The ACC Heritage Flight Training Conference provides a forum for its six single-ship demonstration teams to discuss operations and conduct flight training with the "warbird" pilots who will fly with them nationwide throughout the upcoming air show season (March through November).

"It is an honor to be associated with these vintage pilots. A lot of them are great heroes from the past; defenders of freedom from World War II," said Maj. Dan Blue, F-15 East Coast demo team pilot.

Although this was not an airshow, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members had the opportunity to watch the dissimilar flying formations as the past flew alongside the present.

ACC has conducted the program annually since its inception in 1997 during the observance of the 50th anniversary of the Air Force, according to Mark Thibeault, ACC aerial events scheduler.

http:www2.acc.af.mil/ airdemo/heritage.htm for more information.

Commander's Corner

Food court

Comment:

I am a retired chief master sergeant and live in Tucson. My wife and I use base facilities such as the base exchange and commissary frequently. A couple of times each week we stop in at the Army Air Force Exchange Service Snack Bar at the BX complex.

The snack bar has always served good food at a reasonable price, and the staff always seemed content and happy. Over the past month; however, we have noticed substantial increases in the snack bar's prices.

We could understand occasional price increases, but why so many so suddenly? We have also noticed that the employees do not seem to be their same happy selves ... almost as if they were "walking on eggs." The reasons for these recent changes are not our concern, but the results are. We would like to see these

trends reversed. If not, there are just too many good places to catch breakfast or lunch between our house and the commissary.

Response:

Thank you for your inquiry into our snack bar operations. You are correct in that there have been some recent price increases at the food court. We survey the local competition several times each year and adjust our prices accordingly.

Additionally, we are working to continuously improve employee morale and job satisfaction. In an attempt to rectify some previous problems in that area, we have hired new management and now believe we are on track to provide top-notch service to our customers. We hope that you will continue to use and enjoy all of our facilities and services. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please

contact Dewey Brown, the AAFES general manager, at 8-3904

Gortex question

Comment:

We had a luncheon with our commander and the subject came up of wearing rank on the Gortex field jackets. Could you give some guidance on that. I would appreciate any information on this.

Response:

The Davis-Monthan Base Supplement to Air Force Instruction 36-2903 allows for cloth rank insignia to be worn on the Gortex Parka; it is an optional item purchased by the servicemember.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the military personnel flight commander at 8-4580.

Commander's Salute

Staff Sgt. Kelly Kakert, 355th Operations Support Squadron, for being recognized by Commander, Air Combat Command as the ACC Operations Resource Management NCO for 2000. Well Done!



Col. Bobby Wilkes 355th Wing Commander

AAFES Agencies	8-3904
Accounting and Finance	8-4964
Chaplain	8-5411
Civil Engineering	8-3401
Clinic	8-2930
Commissary	8-3116
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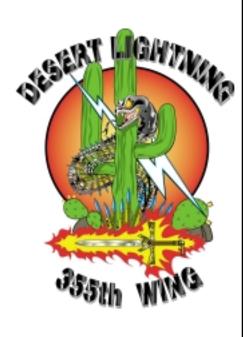
Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M.

Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **8-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.



Your Final Answer?

What woman inspires you? (In celebration of Women's History Month)



Marie Nordaboy
Park College
"Amelia Earhardt
... because she was
able to do so much
at that time."



Senior Airman Christopher Rodriguez 355th Security Forces Squadron "Hillary Clinton ... she remained strong throughout it all."



Barbara Dycus 355th Wing "Mother Teresa ... she put people first and loved God."



Master Sgt.
Forrist Richardson
355th Supply
Squadron
"Rosa Parks ...
she was a tough
lady and she refused to sit in the

back of the bus."



Senior Airman
Rachelle Salari
355th Mission
Support Squadron
"My mom ... she
was a single
mother and
worked hard ...
she is a really

good mom."



Airman 1st Class
Breanna Sarrett
355th Mission
Support Squadron
"Reagan
Breitkreitz ... she
inspires me to do
better at work."



Airman 1st Class Dana Jalbert 355th Security Forces Squadron "Karen Brennan, my best friend's mother, ... for showing unbelievable courage."

Senior list released

Beginning April 1 and over the course of the next year, 1,354 individuals out of 16,203 eligibles will sew on their new stripes. This represents a selection rate of 8.36 percent, an increase from last year's promotion rate of 7.89 percent.

Over the past few years, senior master sergeant promotion rates have improved when compared to percentages in the early to mid 1990s, said Air Force personnel officials. For example, 1994's selection rate was just 4.62 percent.

The cycle 01E8 Senior Master Sergeant Evaluation Board convened Feb. 5 to 23 at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph, Texas, to evaluate individual records of senior master sergeants eligible for promotion.

The average total score of selectees during the cycle was 671.68. Average selectee score breakdowns are:

- **♦** 37.55 points, time in grade;
- ◆ 20.53 points, time in service;
- ◆ 5 points, performance reports;
- ◆ 19.69 points for decorations;
- ♦ 69.99 points for U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination; and
- ♦ 388.92 points for evaluation board score. The average selectee has 5.21 years time in grade and 19.42 years time in service.

The complete list of selections will be posted on the AFPC home page by 4:30 p.m. CST, today. The address is http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil

The following indivuals were promoted to senior master sergeant at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base: Brian Dudding, new arrival; Michael Wright, new arrival; James Pangle, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; Tanya Black, 355th Comptroller Squadron; Joseph Cardea, 355th Comptroller Squadron; John Pugsley, 12th Air Force; Marga Pantfoeder, 12th Air Force; Eileen Pattarozzi, 355th Operations Group; Bryan Jackson, 358th Fighter Squadron; Andrew Pires, 358th Fighter Squadron; Scott Lohman, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; Robert Dunn, 355th Security Forces Squadron; Forrist Richardson, 355th Supply Squadron; Kevin Wakefield, 355th Supply Squadron; Joseph Davis, 355th Logistics Support Squadron; Anna

Johnson, 355th Communications Squadron; Isaiah Twombly, 355th Communications Squadron; Stephen Parsons, 42nd Airborne Command and Control S q u a d r o n; Malcolm Hall, 12th Air Force; and Steven Ellison, 355th Services Squadron.



Airman Edith Walker

Fire escape

Senior Airman Alysia Helfrick, 355th Operational Support Squadron air traffic controller, took a slide down the fire escape Feb. 28. The fire escape used by the tower controllers is called a Baker Life Chute. The chute is a rope-woven tube that allows controllers to drop more than 100 feet to escape the tower in a matter of seconds.

AFAF reps aim for 100 percent contact

By Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson *Public affairs*

Air Force people are known by many worldwide for their generosity, selflessness and compassion for others.

It's common for airmen to answer the call when volunteers are needed, render aid at the scene of an accident and donate their time, skills and hearts to countless community organizations and causes.

Evidence of this good will among Air Force people can also be found in how airmen take care of their own and many Team D-M members have proven this with their contribution to the Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign.

The campaign began Feb. 26 and continues through March 30, with a Team D-M goal of \$70,000 and an Air Force-wide goal of \$3.4 million.

Although many people continue to support the AFAF throughout their career without ever having knowledge of how their contributions are used, others get to see first-hand how important AFAF organizations can be.

"I was still in basic training when I needed or for more information on AFAF.

help and found there were organizations there ready to help," said Staff Sgt. Brian Deal, 355th Contracting Squadron. "My brother passed away and my military training instructor took me to Air Force Aid. It was a horrific time, but they had me on my way home that same day."

In addition to the Air Force Aid Society, other AFAF organizations are The Air Force Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation, The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

All of these organizations stand ready to help all active-duty, Guard, Reserve, retired and family members.

"The AFAF is a true example of Air Force people taking care of their own," said Capt. Vivene Walters, D-M's AFAF drive project officer.

People can choose to contribute to a specific organization, or equally to each of the four AFAF organizations. Contributions can be made by payroll deduction, cash or check. In addition, 100 percent of contributions are passed on to the charities and may be claimed as an itemized deduction.

Call Walters at 8-1494 to make a contribution or for more information on AFAF.

Air Force Print News

Now showing: March 5 edition of Air Force Television News

Medical news tops this latest edition of Air Force TV news with reporter Staff Sgt. Bill Scherer providing an update on the continuing controversy surrounding the Department of Defense anthrax inoculation program. Scherer reports on an Air Force physician at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., facing a courtmartial for refusing to take the anthrax vaccine. Scherer then interviews Air Force and civilian experts who refute the doctor's allegations about the vaccine's safety.

Also in this edition is an update on a former employee at Kelly AFB, Texas, diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease that died. Senior Airman Michael Noel, reporter, has the story of an Air Force person at Edwards AFB, Calif., who, despite suffering from a rare form of cancer, is not about to let the disease get in the way of his love for the Air Force, his family or biking.

Reporter Tech. Sgt. Paul Firman follows President George W. Bush to a West Virginia Air National Guard unit to meet members of the military for the first time since assuming office.

Senior Airman Eric Kerr reports on what can happen to someone's financial status if his or her identity is stolen.

Senior Airman Israel Aviles reports from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. on one group of airmen who are taking recruiting into their own hands.

Tech. Sgt. Dean Padgett is on hand for the start of the NASCAR racing season to show how the

Air Force and its recruiting program are taking advantage of this high visibility sport to tell the Air Force story.

Air Force Television News, now offered with closed-captioning, is a biweekly production of Air Force News Service. It is distributed on videotape to more than 3,000 military and civilian outlets worldwide, and is seen on more than 700 cable outlets nationwide. Viewers can access the program on the World Wide Web at www.af.mil, and can comment on the program by sending e-mail to: aftvnews@afnews.af.mil.



March Airman magazine is online

The nation posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Staff Sgt. William Pitsenbarger for his wartime actions in South Vietnam during the 1966 Easter holiday, placing him on a plateau with warriors such as Jimmy Doolittle, Alvin York and Audie Murphy. Read all about it in the March issue of *Airman* magazine, now on the Web.

Also in the March issue: Altus Air Force Base in southwestern Oklahoma trains the Air Force's strategic air mobility force in impeccable style. Find out why life on the plains suits Air Force family members fine.

Then hit the books with defense department dependent schools staffers in Europe; see the radars that troll for drug-smuggling aircraft; and feel the ex-

citement behind the scenes with exhibit designers at the U.S. Air Force Museum.

Additional hard copies may be ordered for units while they last by sending complete mailing addresses to a f n s p u b @ afnews.af.mil. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



In an effort to reduce the waiting time between enlisted promotion testing and the promotion release dates, the Air Force recently revised the Weighted Airman Promotion System testing schedule.

After this year's chief master sergeant testing cycle, all enlisted testing cycles for 2002 will be pushed back anywhere from a couple of weeks to two months.

None of these changes impact the ongoing testing cycles for 2001 or the promotion eligibility cutoff dates for current or future promotion cycles.

"It has been our goal for quite some time to bring enlisted promotion testing windows and public announcement dates closer together," said Chief Master Sgt. Greg Haley, chief of the enlisted promotions and military testing branch. "We believe that having to wait months on your promotion result is a career irritant that we can fix

"We've always been able to keep the wait time down for individuals competing for chief master sergeant. Why not the other ranks?" Haley said.

The following are the revised testing dates and cycles the dates effect:

- ◆ For chief master sergeant, testing will take place the first four days after Labor Day starting with cycle 01E9.
- ♦ For senior master sergeant, testing will be permanently moved from November to January starting with cycle 02E8. This cycle will test Jan. 10 through 24.
- ◆ For master and technical sergeant, the testing window will slip 15 days to Feb. 15 through March 31 starting with cycle 02E7/02E6.
- ◆ For staff sergeant, the testing cycle will slip one month. Senior airmen will test in May start-

ing with cycle 02E5.

"The most significant change is corporately moving E-8 testing from November to January every year," Haley said. "It allows E-8 eligibles to test in January, get boarded in February, and receive their results in March — similar to the E-9 promotion process. Although there will be tighter deadlines on nonweighables, the gain for members should be well worth it.

"We are also providing a larger gap between the E-6/7 and E-5 cycles which will allow more time to work testing products and finalize eligibility changes for the cycle," he said.

Another big change taking place with the 2002 cycles is the increase in time an airman has access to the proper testing materials. Currently, the Air Force only requires individuals have access to study materials for 30 days in order to be required to test. The change now requires that 30-day window be extended to 60 days. And, when there is a delay in the receipt of materials through no fault of the member, he or she will not be required to test until they have been granted 60 days to study.

"Whenever and wherever we can, we need to listen carefully, and find out what our hard-working dedicated troops have to say as customers of the enlisted promotion system," Haley said. "These changes are the result of direct feedback from the troops, and these improvements are what we believe the majority of the enlisted force wants to see. The changes make sense, and they turn an already great promotion system into an even better one."

For more information about testing issues, people should contact their local military personnel flight. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Don't be misled by tax scams: IRS warns of eight common schemes

The Internal Revenue Service issued a nationwide alert to taxpayers warning them not to fall victim to tax scams. These schemes take several shapes, ranging from promises of special tax refunds to illegal ways of "untaxing" yourself.

"Each year, con artists shamelessly take advantage of people, sometimes charging fees for illegal tax schemes," IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said. "People should be onguard for these scams. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Taxpayers can report suspected tax fraud to the IRS at 1-800-829-0433. For legitimate tax advice, free tax preparation, and e-filing of their 2000 state and federal tax returns, soldiers, and their family members should contact the FMMC Tax Center. The tax center is located in Building 228 on Fort Myer, on Forrest Circle Drive, near the Caisson stables. The phone number is 703-696-8548. The Tax Center Web site is: http://www.fmmc.army.mil/tax center.htm

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

- ♦ No taxes being withheld from your wages. Illegal schemes are being promoted that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of tax law and have been refuted in court. If you have concerns about your employer and employment taxes, you can get help by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.
- ♦ "I don't pay taxes why should you."
 Con artists may talk about how they don't file or pay taxes and then charge people a fee to share their "secret." The real secret that these people don't reveal is that many of them actually do file and pay taxes they just won't

publicly admit it. Again, the IRS reminds people that failure to file or pay taxes is subject to civil and/or criminal tax penalties.

- ♦ African-Americans get a special tax refund. Thousands of African-Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to reparations for slavery. There is no such provision in the tax law. Some unscrupulous promoters have encouraged clients to pay them to prepare a claim for this refund. But the claims are a waste of your money. Plus, those who file subsequent claims can be subject to a \$500 frivolous return penalty.
- **♦ Pay the tax, then get the prize.** The caller says you've won a prize and

all you have to do to get it is pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. If you really won a prize, you may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year. But the payment goes to the IRS – not the caller. Whether you've won cash, a



car, or a trip, the prize giver generally sends you and the IRS a Form 1099 showing the total prize value that should be reported on your tax return.

♦ Untax yourself for \$49.95. This one's as old as snake oil, but people continue to be taken in. And now it's on the Internet. The ads may say that paying taxes is "voluntary," but it is absolutely wrong. The U. S. courts have continuously rejected this and other similar arguments. Unfortunately, hundreds of people across the country have bought "untax packages" before finding out that following the advice contained in them can result in civil and/

or criminal tax penalties being assessed. Numerous sellers of these bogus packages have been convicted on criminal tax charges.

- ♦ Social Security Tax scheme. Taxpayers shouldn't fall victim to a scam offering them refunds of the Social Security taxes they have paid during their lifetimes. The scam works by the victim paying a "paperwork" fee of \$100, plus a percentage of any refund received, to file a refund claim with the IRS. This hoax fleeces the victims for the upfront fee. The law does not allow such a refund of Social Security taxes paid. The IRS processing centers are alert to this hoax and have been stopping the false claims.
- ♦ "I can get you a big refund ... for a fee!"
 Refund scheme operators may approach you wanting to "borrow" your Social Security Number or give you a phony W-2 so it appears that you qualify for a big refund. They may promise to split the refund with you, but the IRS catches most of these false refund



claims before they go out. And when one does go out, the participant usually ends up paying back the refund along with stiff penalties and interest. Two lessons to remember: 1) Anyone who promises you a bigger refund without knowing your tax situation could be mis-

leading you, and 2) Never sign a tax return without looking it over to make sure it's honest and correct.

♦ IRS "agent" comes to your house to collect. First, do not let anyone into your home unless they identify themselves to your satisfaction. IRS special agents, field auditors, and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact you before they visit. If you think the person on your doorstep is an impostor, lock your door and call the local police. To report IRS impostors, call the Treasury Inspector General's Hotline at 1-800-366-4484. (Courtesy Fort Myer Judge Advocate General)

Congress considers tax break for reservists employers

By Capt. James Wilson 419th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

This spring the U.S. House of Representatives is considering legislation, which, if enacted, would compensate employers of reservists with a credit to their annual income tax.

House Resolution 394, introduced by U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt of Washington, would allow employers a credit of up to \$2,000 for each reservist who supports contingency operations in an active-duty status. The legislation would allow a total credit of \$7,500 per employer each taxable year.

Many employers viewed the Reserve Employer Tax Credit Act of 2001 as a sensible initiative and one that signals a change to an age-old paradigm.

"In the past, companies have allowed their employees to serve the country because it's viewed as the patriotic thing to do," said Steve Frampton, owner of a tire store in Fillmore, Utah, and employer of guardsmen and reservists. "Now, when two of my employees are fulfilling their military obligation, I've just lost one-third of my work force. While I believe in supporting our country's armed forces, I also think it's time the government gave companies incentives to employ members of our military."

Frampton went on to say the monetary relief would serve as a good "first step" in building a true partnership between businesses and the Armed Forces.

"If this legislation is approved, it would be a real plus to me as an employer," Frampton said. "This would send a clear message that Uncle Sam is willing to share in the bottomline costs for maintaining today's citizen airmen and citizen soldiers. From my standpoint, it's a win-win situation "

Increased operational tempo has resulted in many reservists spending more and more time away from their civilian jobs. Consequently, businesses must either hire temporary help or otherwise attempt to get by without critical employees while they are deployed.

"It's difficult for a company when someone in a strategic position is gone, even when it's for a short period of time," said Jeff Tiede, president of a packaging company in Salt Lake City. "Often times these are the individuals with diverse backgrounds which include military service. For that reason, I think a tax credit for employers makes a lot of sense."

While the fate of the bill has yet to be decided, the fact that the proposal is even being considered was an encouraging sign to one area employer.

"If nothing else, I think it's a good gesture," said Gerald Higgins, owner of a body and paint shop in West Jordan, Utah.

Higgins employs a reservist from Air Force "In the past, companies have allowed their apployees to serve the country because it's even goes so far as making up the difference between his military and civilian salaries when deployed.

"I know other business owners who don't see the true benefits of hiring a reservist," Higgins said. "So from a business perspective, I think a tax credit for employers would help offset some of the challenges that result from military duty."

House Resolution 394 contains provisions that would afford reservists who are self-employed a comparable tax credit.

If Congress adopts the legislation, the effective date would begin after the calendar year in which the bill is enacted. More information about House Resolution 394 is available on the House of Representatives Web site www.house.gov. (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

SGLI benefit increases to \$250K

The automatic maximum coverage for the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance increases from \$200,000 to \$250,000 April 1.

This coverage increase is a result of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000. The total cost for maximum coverage will be \$20 per month.

According to pay and compensation officials, every Air Force member's SGLI coverage will automatically increase April 1. While final implementation instructions are still pending, officials anticipate each member will have April to elect a lower coverage amount without being charged for the automatic maximum coverage exceeding the member's current elected coverage.

Each member may still either decline coverage or elect a reduced level of insurance in multiples of \$10,000, officials said.

The cost of coverage also remains 80 cents per \$10,000.

If people elect to change their coverage after April, they will pay for the maximum coverage for the month of April as well as for any other month in which the level of coverage remains in effect.

Existing beneficiaries remain in effect until a member updates their coverage.

Implementation instructions will be available once finalized.

The Veterans Affairs Office is redesigning the forms for SGLI. The forms will not be available until April 1.

Call Robbie Robertson at 8-3664 for more information. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



Courtesy Photo

Future recruits

John Brennan and Anthony Dimaio, ground support, prepare a P-51 Mustang for flight during the Heritage Conference. The two individuals are from Phoenix and have been accepted to Embry-Riddle University.



Next generation Thunderbirds

(Left to right) Staff Sgt. Fenton Fukushima and Master Sgt. Rick Hines, Thunderbirds maintainer, discuss opportunities on the team with Airman 1st Class Roger Osario, an A-10 crew chief. The two visited Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Thursday in an effort to recruit for the team. Currently 17 slots are open ranging from videographers to maintainers to supply on the Air Force aerial demonstration team. For more information call the team public affairs office at DSN 682-2984 or Hines at DSN 682-9928.

Tell us your story

If you, or you know someone in your squadron who, participates in an interesting past-time, hobby or sport, please let the *Desert Airman* know about it. Call 8-5714/3398 or

send an email to <u>desert.airman@dm.af.mil</u> with the basic information -- who, what and a point of contact and we'll pursue getting their story in print.

Changing of the guard ... a final tribute

By Col. Fran Hendricks 355th Support Group commander

Tom Brokaw, NBC News anchor, recently wrote a book titled, The Greatest Generation.

Brokaw's book focused on that generation of Americans who defeated the Nazis and Fascists in World War II and helped to make America what it is today.

No argument from me on his premise, for Brokaw accurately recounted the numerous contributions and courageous sacrifices made by many of our parents and grandparents.

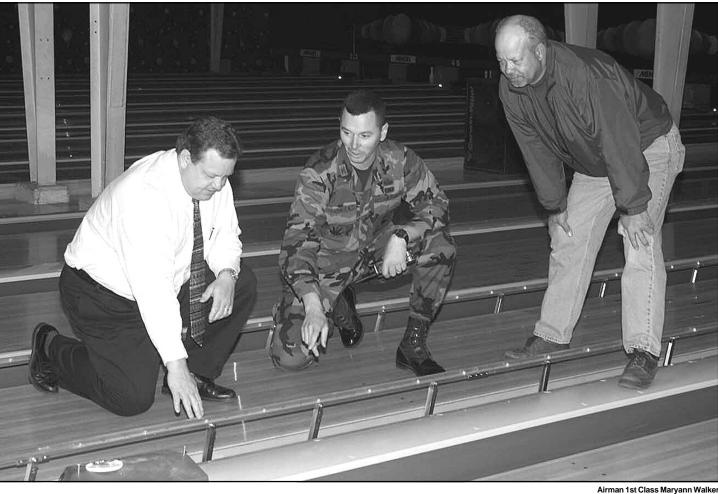
I, too, would like to draw attention to a generation of great Americans.

That generation would be those sailors, Marines, soldiers and airmen who are set to retire from active duty this

Their uniformed service began between 1971 and 1981.

It was a tumultuous timeframe for the country; the Vietnam War and Watergate would tear at the fabric of our nation.

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Deployed

(by group):

355 OG - 18

355 LG - 55

355 SPTG - 47

355 MDG - 1

355 WG - 10

Col. Fran Hendricks (center), 355th Support Group commander, joins Dennis McCabe (left) and Andy King (right) as they check out the new lanes at D-M Lanes Bowling Center. McCabe is the 355th Services Squadron deputy chief; King is the bowling center assistant manager.

Welcome to Davis-Monthan

Lt. Gen. William Begert, Assistant AF Vice Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. William Lynch, Pennsylvania Air National Guard Maj. Gen. Bruce Wright, Commander, Air Intelligence Agency Col. Steven Aylor, Commander, 366th Logistics Group (Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho) & Team Chief, ESOHCAMP **Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert Gaylor** 12th Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year Attendees

355th Wing Flying Goals -

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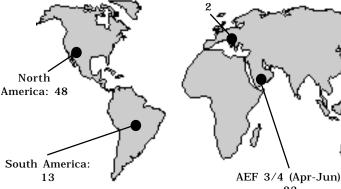
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Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **252** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.



AEF 3/4 (Apr-Jun): 23 AEF 1 (Jan-Mar):

45

Total: 131

Other locations -- 0 Current as of Monday

355th Mission Support Squadron Personnel Readiness Unit



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Do you know their names?

By Tech. Sgt. Dana Harmel 355th Communications Squadron

While racing for fame and fortune last month, Dale Earnhardt died on the last lap of the Daytona 500. Without a doubt, a tragedy for his family, friends and fans. He was 49 years old with grown children – one — in the race

He earned more than \$41 million in winnings and 10 times that from endorsements and souvenir sales.

He had a beautiful home and a private jet. He drove the most sophisticated car his racing profession allowed.

Every part was inspected and replaced as soon as there was evidence of wear and tear ... at the expense of car and team sponsors.

His funeral and eulogies were broadcast on every TV station,

constantly reminding us of his tragic end.

The radio already has a song of tribute to this winning driver.

Nothing should be taken away from this man — he was a professional and the best in his profession. He was in a very dangerous business, but the rewards were great.

A week earlier, six Army soldiers died in a training accident when two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters collided during night maneuvers in Hawaii. The soldiers were young pilots, crew chiefs and infantrymen. Some of them lived in sub-standard housing.

If you factor their actual duty hours (in the field, deployed) against their wages, they probably earn something close to minimum wage. The aircraft they were in were not the most modern, maybe between 15 and 20 years old. Many times parts were not available to keep the aircraft in good shape; often this was due to funding. They were involved in the extremely dangerous business of flying in the Kuhuku mountains at night. It only gets worse when extreme weather hits, as it did that night. Most times no one is there with a yellow or red flag to slow things down when the pace gets critical. Many of their children were toddlers who will lose all memory of who "Daddy" was as they grow up.

They, as do members of our other armed services year 'round, died training to defend the security America enjoys.

Let's not take anything away from Dale Earnhardt. But then, perform this simple test.

Ask any of your friends if they know who the NASCAR driver

killed Feb. 18, 2001 was. Then ask them if they can name one of the six soldiers who died in Hawaii Feb. 12.

More names, but get your friends to name even one. They probably can't even cheat and look for a news article in the daily paper to get the names. It's just not an issue.

Dale Earnhardt died driving for fame and glory at the Daytona 500. Even those not interested in NASCAR racing mourn.

Six soldiers died training to protect our freedom. No one can remember their names and most aren't even aware of the incident.

For the record, the dead soldiers' names are: Spc. Bob MacDonald; Spc. Rafael Olvera-Rodriguez; Maj. Robert Olson; Chief Warrant Officer Gregory Montgomery; Sgt. Thomas Barber and Chief Warrant Officer George Perry.

Changing

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Public confidence in the government and its military would sink to all-time lows. Joining the military during this timeframe, particularly in the early to mid-70s, was not viewed by many as a smart career choice.

Unlike the ticker tape parades that our military came home to after World War II, military personnel of the Vietnam War and post-Vietnam War era were often greeted with public ridicule.

Wear of the uniform off base often brought unwanted attention and harassment.

Despite all of this, many of our nation's brightest young men and women answered their nation's call and joined the military.

Whether they recognized it at the time, their task at hand was to transform a "hollow force" and once again gain the confidence of the American public.

This challenge was further compounded by the viable threat that loomed in the Soviet Union; the Cold War was kicking into high gear.

With renewed patriotism and commitment to the core values that shaped our nation, they transformed the "hollow force" they had entered into a competent fighting force.

This rejuvenated force met the Soviet threat head-on, and in the end prevailed as the Iron Curtain was lifted and the Berlin Wall fell.

Along the way, they rescued students in Granada and countered tyranny in Panama bringing a dictator to justice.

As the new generation of sentries take their place, our future as a nation and military is bright because of the dedicated and unselfish service demonstrated by those who we now gather to honor as they retire from active duty.

Col. Fran Hendricks 355th Support Group commander



In 1990, another nemesis named Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and threatened the world and its access to Middle East oil.

His army, at the time the world's fifth largest, soon felt the wrath of a coalition of militaries led by the United States.

Once again America embraced its military and its members.

Following suit, the world soon recognized America's armed forces as the greatest ever seen.

America's new prestige brought with it new missions for its military: humanitarian relief, no-fly zones, peacekeeping and peacemaking.

Places such as Somalia, Haiti, Serbia

and Kosovo became familiar in households and were added to the list of places this generation of military men and women fought and served.

As we gather throughout this coming year to retire individuals from this latest generation of great American fighting men and women, lets make every effort to truly honor them and their accomplishments.

Each of us that presently don the uniform have benefited greatly from their service and sacrifices.

We revel in the national and world posture their accomplishments have made possible.

In a recently released Harris Poll regarding public confidence, the nation once again selected the military as the institution it holds in the highest trust.

This modern generation of military heroes has held this top position every year since 1989.

As we honor these accomplished warriors in the coming year for their service, we do so in the military tradition of changing of the guard.

As the new generation of sentries take their place, our future as a nation and military is bright because of the dedicated and unselfish service demonstrated by those who we now gather to honor as they retire from active duty.

We are confident that we will carry on their tradition of greatness and will continue to reach new heights of excellence.

We are also ever mindful that as we take the helm we do so with the added benefit of standing on their shoulders.

Health Focus

Be safe, wear appropriate protective eyewear in workplace

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration statistics show an estimated 1,000 eye injuries occur in American workplaces every day.

More than \$300 million per year in production time is lost on medical expenses and workers' compensation.

No dollar figure can adequately reflect the personal toll these accidents take on the injured workers.

A survey of about 1,000 minor eye injuries by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals how and why many on-the-job accidents occur. Take a few minutes to read the eye safety tips below and encourage everyone you work with to be safe and wear the appropriate protective eyewear.

What contributes to eye injuries at work?

Not wearing eye protection — The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that nearly three out of every five workers injured were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident.

Wearing the wrong kind of eye protection for the job — About 40 percent of the injured workers were wearing some form of eye protection when the accident occurred. These workers were most likely to be wearing protective eyeglasses with no side shields.

What causes eye injuries?

Flying particles — The Bureau of Labor Statistics found that almost 70 percent of the accidents studied resulted from flying or falling objects, or sparks striking the eye. Injured workers estimated that nearly three-fifths of the objects were smaller than a pinhead. Most of the particles were said to be traveling faster than a hand-thrown object when the accident occurred.

Contact with chemicals — This caused onefifth of the injuries. Protect from splashes and know where your nearest eye wash station is.

Flying objects — Objects swinging from a fixed or attached position, such as tree limbs, ropes, chains or tools, which were pulled into the eye while the worker was using them caused other accidents.

10 ways to prevent eye injuries at work

Assess. Conduct a thorough analysis of plant operations. Inspect work areas, access routes and equipment. Examine eye accident and injury reports. Identify operations and areas that present eye hazards.

Test. Uncorrected vision problems contribute to accidents. Incorporate vision testing in your pre-placement and routine physical examinations of employees.

Protect. Select protective eyewear designed for a specific operation or hazard. Protective eyewear must meet the current standards referenced by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and subsequent revisions.

Participate. For maximum protection against eye injury, establish a 100 percent mandatory program that requires eye protection throughout all operations areas of your plant. Experience shows this kind of program prevents more injuries and is easier to enforce than one limited to certain departments, areas or jobs.

Fit. Workers cannot be expected to use their protective eyewear unless it fits properly and comfortably. To ensure the eyewear is satisfactory, have it fitted by an eye care professional or someone trained to do this. Provide the means for maintenance and require each worker to be responsible for his or her own eyewear.

Plan for an emergency. Establish first-aid procedures for eye injuries. Make eyewash stations accessible, particularly where chemicals are used. Train employees in basic first aid and identify those with more advanced first-aid training.

Educate. Conduct ongoing educational programs to establish, maintain and reinforce the need for protective eyewear. Add eye safety to your regular employee education/training programs and include it as a large part of new employee orientation.

Support. Management support is a key ingredient in successful eye safety programs. All management personnel should set an example by wearing protective eyewear whenever and wherever required.

Review. Continually review and, when necessary, revise your accident prevention strategies. Aim for the elimination of all accidents and injuries.

Put it in writing. When all elements of your safety program have been established, put them in writing. Display a copy of the policy in areas frequented by employees, and include a review of the policy in new employee orientation.

Where do accidents occur most often?

Craftwork and industrial equipment operation — Potential eye hazards can be found in nearly every industry, but the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that more than 40 percent of injuries occurred among craft workers, such as mechanics, repairers, carpenters and plumbers. More than a third of the injured workers were assemblers, sanders and grinding machine operators. Laborers suffered about one-fifth of the eye injuries. Almost half the injured workers were employed in manufacturing; slightly more than 20 percent were in construction.

How can eye injuries be prevented?

Always wear effective eye protection -- Air Force and OSHA standards require that employers provide workers with suitable eye protection. To be effective, the eyewear must be of the appropriate type for the hazard encountered and properly fitted.

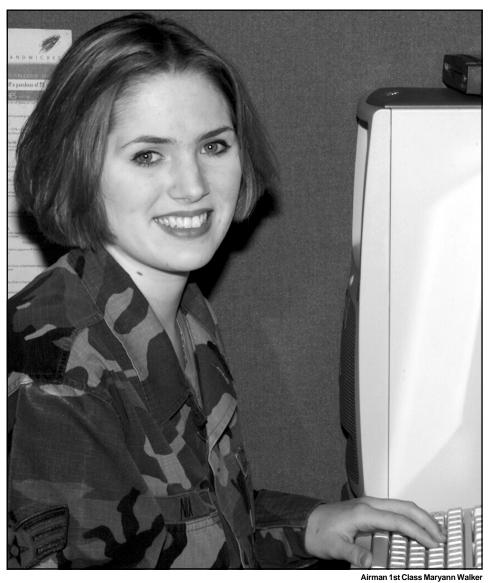
Only 13 workers injured while wearing eye protection reported breakage.

Nearly one-fifth of the injured workers with eye protection wore face shields or welding helmets.

However, only six percent of the workers injured while wearing eye protection wore goggles, which generally offer better eye protection. The best protection is afforded when goggles are worn with face shields.

Eye protection works

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that more than 50 percent of workers injured while wearing eye protection thought the eyewear had minimized their injuries. It is estimated that 90 percent of eye injuries can be prevented through the use of proper protective eyewear. (Courtesy of the 355th Medical Group)





Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Senior Airman Angelique Nix

Organization: Detachment 2, 67th Information Operations

Group

Duty title: Information Management Journeyman

Hometown: I'm a military brat ... spent most of my time in

Germany

Years of service: Three

Why did you join the Air Force: For the experience and edu-

cation

Main responsibilities: Orderly room functions; also the

workgroup manager

Best aspects of your job: Having the opportunity to learn

about computers

Career goals: I'd like to be an elementary school teacher

Hobbies/outside activities: Playing with my daughter,

scrapbooking and traveling

What do you like best about D-M: I love the area, the moun-

tains, the blue skies and the great weather

What has been your best assignment; why: D-M; I just came here from England, and they have way too much liquid sunshine

Who inspires you; why: My mom ... that says it all



Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base FamCAMP's 118 permanent spaces are temporary residences for the thousands of RVs that visit the base each year.

D-M FamCamp a popular stop for RVers, operation a success story, award winner

By Karen Halstead *Public affairs*

Retired Tech. Sgt. Ray and Shirley Hiler travel 365 days a year living where they park their recreational vehicle.

Although they call Canyon Lake, Texas their home, they travel the States in their RV along with Shirley's 91-year-old mother, Maude Martin, and dogs Heidi and Duchess.

Shirley applauds the Air Force with training her in planning.

"In 1965, when we got orders to Alaska we decided to travel by auto. I did the homework for the long trip," she said.

"We knew exactly what we were up against and prepared the family for the long, dirty trip."

"Back then, as an airmen's wife, I got coached by the NCO wives and their help made the difference," she added.

When the Hiler's decided to sell their home in Texas and pursue fulltime RVing, Shirley went to work planning and coordinating the transition.

"It took us about five years to plan the transition," she said. "People thought we were crazy."

But her homework has paid off and the couple admits to being a husband-and-wife team

"We like the Tucson area the best," Ray said. "In 1987 and 1988 we were one of the host families here at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base FamCAMP."

A common practice at RV parks is to "hire" host families to assist park management with administrative duties.

In return for the required work time, the family receives a free RV site for the duration of their stay. At D-M, host families usually work on a one-year contract with three host families available to work.

"We are a good team," Shirley said. "We had a routine for the work we needed to complete."

After their year hosting, Ray suffered several heart attacks. He praises the team of medical professionals at Fort Sam Hous-



Karen Halstead

It's feeding time for Heidi and Duchess as Shirley Hiler sets out a meal in their RV at D-M's FamCAMP.

ton, Texas for saving his life. Then his mother-in-law broke a hip and the family decided, with Martin's approval, she would travel with the Hiler's.

"I like my new lifestyle," Martin said. "It's much better than the small closed-in apartment."

The Hiler's frequently travel to Oregon to visit Martin's 83-year-old brother. "I like the big trees there," Martin said. "I send post-cards to my brother and my Sunday School class in Fullerton, Calif., from wherever we visit."

"We're going to keep going," Shirley said. "I'm just not going to live in a house. It's a lifestyle we really like."

FamCAMP facts

D-M's FamCAMP is one of 75 Air Force FamCAMPs and helped D-M's Outdoor Recreation win the best in Air Combat Command in 1999 for exceptional FamCAMP operations.

D-M's operation is being benchmarked by not only other Air Combat Command bases, but also by other FamCAMPs Air Force wide, according to Connie Knoobs, director of Outdoor Recreation for the 355th Services Squadron.

Military cardholders pay \$13 a night to stay at D-Ms FamCAMP. Sponsored guests pay \$17. When patrons use the overflow area they pay \$3 per night.

Military FamCAMPs differ from their civilian counterparts, according to Shirley Hiler, RVer and recent D-M FamCAMP host.

"Off-base recreational parks usually offer a centrally-located facility," Hiler said. "RVers can have pot luck dinners or the camp hosts an arts and craft time, board game night and the like.

"Because Air Force bases have facilities for RVers to use, such as the Skills Development Center and Fitness Center, they usually do not offer a centrally located facility within the confines of the FamCAMP," Hiler said.

Instead, D-M's FamCAMP hosts events for their RVing families.

These free events include a Christmas party with door prizes, Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dance and FamCAMP Town Hall meeting.

A minimal fee FamCAMP golf tournament is slated for March 16 at the Blanchard Golf Course. The fee includes a Texas barbecue, beverage, green and cart fees. Prizes will be given to the first-, second- and third-place winners, according to Chief Master Sgt. Mark Davis, superintendent, 355th Services Squadron.

The tournament is open to anyone with access to the base. Contact the FamCAMP at 747-9144 for more information on the tournament.

FamCAMP Improvements over the last year included a \$26,000 upgrade in 26 lighted power pedestals, making it more convenient for the patrons, and \$14,000 to upgrade the new overflow area, Davis said.

Additionally, air conditioning and heat will be installed in one FamCAMPs bathhouse to ensure the proper environmental controls are in place and decrease discomfort for the patron.

FamCAMP management revised the sign-up procedures for guests using the overflow area. "The new system and waiting list is more fair," Davis said. "It ensures patrons who have been waiting, have the same chance as everyone to get a slot. RVers have lauded this new system as the best ever."

Tax tips

(Editor's note: As the federal income tax filing deadline nears, the Desert Airman will run articles to help people with tax-related questions. The articles are provided as a public service by ARAContent.com and printed with the permission of the publisher. The last article in this series will be published April 13.)

Filing taxes from home means quicker refunds

The Internal Revenue Service offers a convenient filing option for people who wish to prepare their tax returns using a personal computer.

With a modem and commercial tax preparation software or Web-based tax preparation products, taxpayers can file their taxes with IRS e-file.

IRS e-file, the IRS' electronic filing program, offers people increased ease of filing and



Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (through the next two years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman is chronicling the signifi-

cant events.) The following significant Air Force events occurred during this week in 1951:

March 14: Communist forces abandoned Seoul without a fight after troops seized high ground on either side of the city north of the Han River.

At night B-26s began dropping specially-designed tetrahedral tacks on highways to puncture the tires of enemy vehicles. They were more effective than the roofing nails dropped earlier.

March 15: UN forces entered Seoul, the fourth time the city had changed hands since the war began.

speedier delivery of refunds. And since e-filed returns are more accurate, there's less chance people will hear from the IRS about mistakes on their returns.

People can e-file from their PCs whether they expect a refund or owe money. Last year, more than 5 million people filed their tax returns using this option — a 104 percent increase over the number in 1999.

Those who use e-file will get their refunds in half the time as paper filers, even faster when deposited directly into a bank account.

Individuals who owe money and use IRS e-file can choose to pay electronically by authorizing a withdrawal from their bank account to make the payment to the U.S. Treasury.

This feature will let people file early, have the peace of mind of knowing their returns have been accepted by the IRS, and manage their finances and time without waiting until the last minute to file and pay. Any amount due must be paid to the U.S. Treasury by April 16. The IRS has worked to make this filing option totally paperless.

People who filed last year using their PCs have the option of using an e-file Customer Number similar to a personal identification number.

This will eliminate the need to send a paper signature document.

To take advantage of IRS e-file, people can complete their returns using tax preparation software and send the information electronically via modem to a transmitter, who will forward it directly to the IRS.

The IRS sends an acknowledgment that the return was accepted.

Check the IRS Web site at <u>www.irs.gov</u> to find out more about e-file.

Technology improves jet engine readiness



Courtesy photo

Otha Davenport, director of engineering for Aeronautical System Center's Propulsion Product Group (left), checks the results of a laser shock peening strengthening process on an F-119 engine's bladed rotor at LSP Technologies in Dublin, Ohio. An LSP employee assists.

By Mike Griffin

Air Force Research Laboratory

The Air Force has a new weapon in the battle against foreign object damage — a laser that strengthens engine fan blades and rotors.

Called "laser shock peening," this technology uses high-powered lasers to "cure" aircraft engine parts. This makes them stronger and better able to resist foreign objects that causes millions of dollars in damaged aircraft engine parts each year.

LSP Technologies Inc., of Dublin, Ohio developed the technology through the Air Force Research Laboratory's manufacturing technology program, known as ManTech.

During the "curing" process, a laser is repeatedly fired along the edges of the blades. The shock wave caused when the laser beam strikes the blade's surface actually compresses the metal, toughening the blade. This process increases blade damage tolerance by as much as 15 times normal

strength, according to program officials.

"By (using) new technologies, such as laser shock peening, to make Air Force systems more reliable, affordable and maintainable, ManTech is helping the warfighter," said Dan McDermott, chief of the directorate's manufacturing technology division. The new method replaces a former process called shot peening, where metal or glass beads were fired at blade edges, McDermott said.

"This original process was good, but the new laser approach is better because it drives the shock waves deeper into the metal, producing engine blades that are more resistant to failure or foreign object damage," he said. "This translates into a major increase in warfighting capability for the Air Force."

Using laser shock peening, it takes about 30 minutes to process one blade on the F-110 engine used in the Air Force's F-15E Strike Eagle and F-16C and D Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft.

Under the ManTech program, LSP Technologies has developed an automated process using robotics that eliminates handling the blades manually during the peening process.

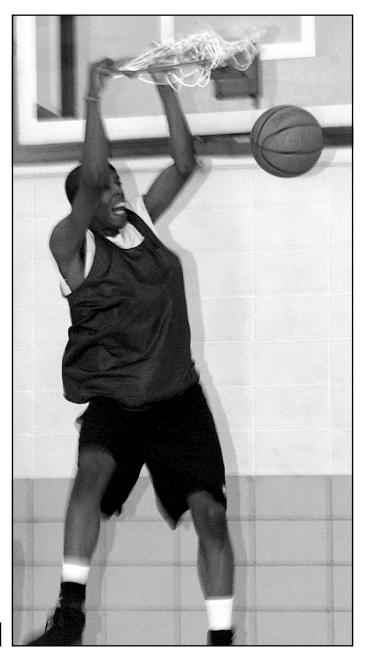
Called Rapid Coater, this new approach reduces peening time from 30 to 12 minutes.

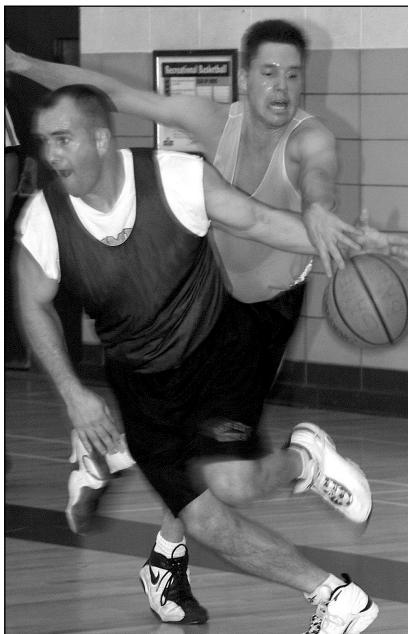
"In time, we anticipate reducing that to four minutes per blade, using a newer, faster laser dubbed Rapid Peen," said David See, LSP directorate program manager. "Since we implemented laser shock peening processes, I can't think of a time when we've lost an engine due to high-cycle fatigue of laser-peened fan blades," said Otha Davenport, director of engineering for Aeronautical Systems Center's propulsion product group. "Laser shock peening allows us to peen areas of the blades other processes can't reach. For example, there are several places where laser shock peening can be used to increase F-119 engine durability." (Courtesy of Air Force Material Command News Service)

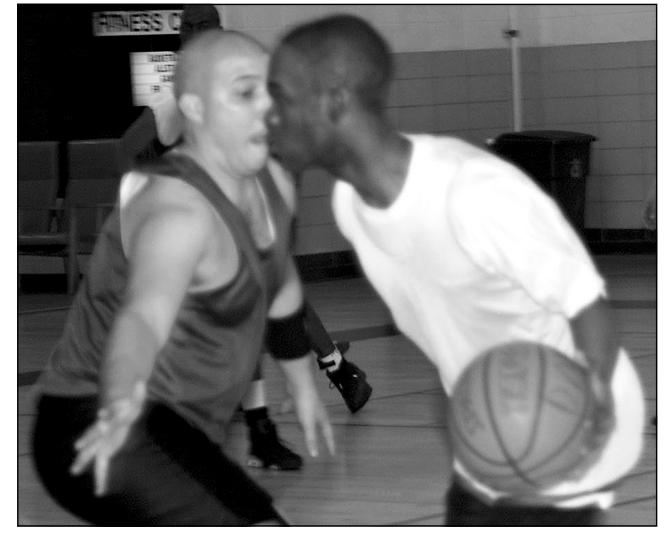
All-Star action

The Intramural and Over-30 All Stars hit the court at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center March 2 to show off their stuff. Team members were selected by their individual coaches -- each team was permitted to select one player to the All-Start Team. (right) Antwuan Dunmore dunks one for two points during the Intramural game. Dunmore scored 20 points as he led the Tuesday-Thursday All Star Team to a 67-39 victory over the Monday-Wednesday squad. (far right) Bob Rice drives for the basket, while Adam Brownley tries to steal the ball during the Over-30 All Star game. Rice, who plays for MSS, was on the winning squad who beat their opponents, 66-53. The Over-30 All Star teams were formed by their standings (1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, etc. teams formed one team and the even-numbered teams in the standings formed the other team). (Below) Bryan Messner (left) puts on a tough defense against an opponent during the Intramural All-Star game. The Intramural season finished Saturday, with CES taking the top spot (see related photo bottom right). The Over-30 season wraps up this week, and the post-season tournament is scheduled to start Monday.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown









Courtesy photo

Intramural champions

(above) Michael Freeman goes up for the shot in the intrmaural basketball championship game Saturday at the Fitness Center. Freeman's 355 CES team took on the 25 OWS players in the final game and took home the victory, 62-27. CES also went the entire season without a loss, finishing at 15-0. Congratulations go out to Coach Charles McDonald and the members of the undefeated CES Intramural Basketball Team -- Michael Freeman, Lamont Thornton, Gardner Jones, Kevin Dougherty, Reginald Thompson, Tarrence Davis, Robert Darby, Eddie Jackson, Christopher Cohee, Reginald Wilder, Darold Unseld, Abraham Garcia, Steven Reichard, James Griffin and Ryan Allard.

Sports Shorts

Grand reopening

Stop by the bowling center from 3-5:30 p.m. today to see the new glow-in-the-dark lanes and approaches and automatic, lighted bumpers. The reopening features free bowling and shoe rental, refreshments and beverages. To find out more, phone the bowling center at 8-3461.

3-on-3 tourney

Monday is the last day for military teams to enter the Air Combat Command 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Men's and women's teams placing first in base playoffs, March 24, travel to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., for the ACC championships, May 6-12. Teams consist of three players and an alternate. Gatorade sponsors the annual event (no federal endorsement intended). Register at the Fitness Center, or phone 8-3714 for

Pool playoffs

Base playoffs in the Air Combat Command Swim with the Sharks 8-ball Tournament are at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Desert Oasis Club. D-M's winning team goes to Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., April 25-27, for the ACC finals. Teams consist of two players; both must belong to the Desert Oasis Club. Local winners get a \$100 club credit and carry-on luggage for their trip. Members of ACC's top three teams get airline travel vouchers - \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. Sponsors are Allied Domecq Spirits U.S.A., and First USA Bank (no federal endorsement intended). Call Wendy Decatur at the club, 748-8666, for additional informa-

Late-night hoops

Teen basketball players, age

13-15, can take part in Late Night Hoops at the youth center. The eight-week program gets under way tonight; play is from 9-11 p.m. Fridays. Snacks and beverages will be available each week. Cost for the program is \$25 per player. Find out more by calling 8-8373.

Skeet, trap ranges open

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees. Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms

Call Outdoor Recreation at 8-3736

Youth basketball

<u>Team</u>

BJs' Bunns

Youth basketball home games are Saturdays at the youth center gym. Several away games and out-of-towners are scheduled for 13-15 year-olds. Spectators

are welcome; come cheer on your favorite team! Call Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more infor-

Aerobics instructors

Certified aerobics instructors are needed for classes at the fitness center. Openings are for both volunteer and paid instructors. Especially needed are instructors for early-morning classes. Call Jay Junsay at 8-

Belly dancing class

A new belly dancing instructor is offering classes every Wednesday at the Fitness Center. The beginner class runs from 6:40-7:40 p.m. and an intermediate class runs from 7:40-8:40 p.m. Cost for the beginner class is \$20 per month (four sessions); cost for the intermediate class is \$30 for two months (eight sessions). Interested individuals can sign up at the Fitness Center. or call 8-3714 for more information.

Scoreboard

Basketball

Over-30

O V C 1 3 U	
(as of Wednesda	y)
<u>Team</u>	W-
SVS	11-
CES	9-2
LSS	9-3
SFS	7-3
MSS	8-4
12 AF	7-5
25 OWS	6-5
43 ECS	6-6
MDG	5-5
SUPS	5-5
42 ACCS	5-6
CS	5-6
41 ECS	3-8
OSS	2-9
354 FS	0-1
EMS	0-1

Bowling

Intramural -American

(Week 22)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
MDG #2	115-53
11 ECS #2	106-62
12 ACCS #2	100-68
MDG #1	96-72
CONS	92-76
11 ECS #1	87-81
OSS	80-88
12 ACCS #1	80-88

24-144 High Scratch Game (Team): 41 ECS #1, 874 High Scratch Series (Team): 41 ECS #1, 2538 High Scratch Game (Men): Donald Karstetter, 267 High Scratch Series (Men): Donald Karstetter, 646 High Scratch Game (Women): D. Patterson, 170 High Scratch Series (Women): D. Patterson, 439

Intramural -**National**

(Week 22) Team W-L 103-65 SVS 12 AF #1 93-75 AMARC 93-75 90-78 87-81 86-82 86-82 74-94 72-96

AMMO MSS SUPS CRS 12 AF #3 COMM 80-88 **25 OWS** TRANS 358th 62-106 High Scratch Game (Team): AMARC, 1107 High Scratch Series (Team): AMARC, 2945 High Scratch Game (Men): Billy Davidson, 288 High Scratch Series (Men): Billy Davidson, 724

High Scratch Game (Women): P. Trezevant. 184 **High Scratch Series** (Women): P. Trezevant, 483

Tuesday Early Risers (Week 20)

Team Hit & Miss The Monarchs 94-66 94-66 OUI₃ Ally Kats 77-83 Hot Cats Dream Catchers 72-88 Wee Bee Bad Soon's Runway 56-104 High Scratch Game (Team): Hit & Miss, 515 High Scratch Series (Team): Hit & Miss, 1391 High Scratch Game: Arlene High Scratch Series: Margot Schoell, 485

Phantom Mixed

(Week 17) **Team** The Cajuns 91-45 88-48 Strike Force So So's Lucky Seven 81-55 Strikebusters 80-56 The Dizzy Four 74-62

Alley Oops

Sweet Revenge

69-67

Avengers Six Pack Rat Pack

OWC (Week 18)

58-78

55-81

<u>Team</u>	W-L
Lady Flyers	106-3
KIDDS	82-6
Coyotes	82-6
Splitsters	76-6
The Eastsiders	76-6
Alley Cats	70-74
Snuffers	70-74
High Scratch Game:	Dru
Dickensheet, 181	
High Scratch Series:	Donata
Oliver 515	

D-M Pinrollers

(Week 20)

The Dream Catchers	114-82
Uh Huh Girls	106-50
Team 5	87-73
Annie's Girls	85-75
Dreamers	83-77
L-A-D-Y	80-80
Team 6	79-81
Kachina Dolls	62-90
High Scratch Game (T	eam):
Uh Huh Girls, 662	
High Scratch Series (7	Гeam):
Uh Huh Girls, 1930	
High Scratch Game: Mary	
Stennis, 208	
High Scratch Series: 0	Georgia
Barnes, 527	

CE Mixed (Week 17)

10-2

Good Bad & Ugly 7-5 7-5 Just 4 Fun Fire Dawgs 7-5 6-6 MILF's 5-7 The Cans HVAC 5-7 Brew Crew 5-7 Old Timers High Scratch Game (Men): Matt Lundh, 257 High Scratch Series (Men): Matt Lundh 662 High Scratch Game (Women): Gail Johnson, 179 High Scratch Series (Women): Gail Johnson, 486

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(Week 20)	
<u>Team</u>	W-L
The Prickly Pairs	106-54
Pick One	104-56
PBJs	92-68
Mission Impossible	90-70
Desert Strikers	88-72
Lickity Splits	87-73
Four Seas	86-74
Road Runners	80-80
Cool Cs	76-84
BMs	75-85
Nice-N-Spicy	68-92
Ice Breakers	68-92

56-104 Pintendos Bucks-N-Does 44-116 High Scratch Game (Team): PBJs, 761 High Scratch Series (Team): PBJs, 2091 High Scratch Game (Men): Ed Carder, 246 High Scratch Series (Men): Ed Carder, 677 High Scratch Game (Women): Patti Secor, 190 High Scratch Series (Women): Val Schreiterer,

Friday Nite Fun

(Week 19)

W-L

<u>Team</u>

Wannabees	100-4
3 Roses & Thorn	86-58
Double Trouble	85-59
AAFES	82-62
The Misfits	80-64
Just Us	80-64
Just Havin' Fun	72-64
More BS	65-79
Gutter Dusters	65-79
O Spare Us	62-82
Kum Cantasi	61-83
High Scratch Game (7	eam):
Double Trouble, 738	
High Scratch Series (7	Team):
Double Trouble, 2123	
High Scratch Game (Men):	
Tom Lorentz, 244	
High Scratch Series (Men):	
Bil Croxton, 653	
High Scratch Game	
(Women): Reda Lowe	, 221
High Scratch Series	
(Women): Kari Snyder	; 537

Bantams

(Week 16)

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89-39
88-40
79-49
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s (Boys
(Boys):
(Girls):
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(Girls):

Preps/Juniors/ Majors (Week 15)

<u>Team</u> The Xtremes Jaguars Alley Cats Undertakers 75-53 73-55 Unlimited Desert Pros Fox Hound 62-66 Strikers 60-68 N Sync Fireballs Desert Strikers 52-76 The Bulldogs 42-86 35-93 Spawn High Scratch Game (Team): Desert Pros 474 High Scratch Series (Team):

Spawn, 1648



Chapel events

Strengthen your marriage

Come to the Marriage Builders seminars sponsored by the chapel. Get information on your present or future marriage needs to survive and thrive. Seminars are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 4859, which is next to the D-M Fire Station on Phoenix Street. Registration is recommended. Call 8-5411 for more information. Scheduled seminars are as follow:

Today	Reviving the Romance
March 16	Personality Differences
March 23	Communication Differences
March 30	Sexual Differences
April 6	Money Differences

Lent and Holy Week schedule

All Fridays of Lent: Mass is 5 p.m., Way of the Cross is 5:30 p.m. and Meatless soup supper at Hope Chapel is 6 p.m.

April 12 (Holy Thursday): Liturgy of the Last Supper is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is from 8 to 12 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

April 13 (Good Friday): Celebration of the Lord's Passion is at 3 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

April 14 (Holy Saturday): Easter Vigil Mass, Blessing of the Fire/Water, Rite of Initiation

for the Catechumen is at 7 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

April 15 (Easter Sunday): Easter mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Chapel Website

Check out www.dm.af.mil/chapel for scheduled activities at the chapel.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Today: Patio Steak Night is from 5 to 8 p.m. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is scheduled.

Saturday: Prime rib for two is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$19.95.

Sunday: Brunch is served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Big Band Night is March 23. Barber is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Poly Bar social hour is from 5 to p.m.

Wednesday: Salad and More buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday: No evening dining. Members may dine at the Desert Oasis.

Desert Oasis Club

Today: Catfish lunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Seafood dinner special is \$9. \$50 Club Cash Coupon drawing is at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Sports bar opens at 5 p.m.

Sunday: Club is closed. Cabana opens at 1 p.m.

Monday: Lunch is from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Tuesday: Two-for-One Steak Night is from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: 8-ball tournament is at 6 p.m. **Thursday**: BBQ Buffet is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oriental buffet is from 5 to 8 p.m.



Youth programs

Today: Preteen Girls Night Out is from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 8-8844. Teen Late Night Hoops is at the Youth Center.

Saturday: Youth basketball is at the Youth Center. Baseball parents meet at 10 a.m.

Monday: Cheerleading clinic is from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 8-8373.

Tuesday: Preteen/teen homework help is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Youth Center. Preteen cooking/nutrition is from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 8-8844.

Wednesday: Primary night at the movies is from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Thursday: Preteen/teen computer class is from 6 to 7 p.m. Little League practice starts. Call 8-8373.

Youths hoop it up at night

Basketball players, ages 13 through 15, are invited to sign up for Late Night Hoops at the

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Youth Center. The eight-week program starts tonight, and continues Fridays from 9 to 11 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be available. Cost is \$25 per player. Call 8-8373.

Teen Aviation Camp

A second Teen Aviation Camp is offered June 3 through 9, at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The event is sponsored by the Air Force Academy and the Air Force Services Agency for high school students who will be freshmen, sophomores or juniors next year. Attendees must be eligible Youth Center users interested in exploring the Air Force Academy as a possible choice for college. Students will stay at the Air Force Academy and take part in a variety of outdoor and classroom activities. Lodging, meals and activity fees will be paid; travel costs to and from Colorado Springs are the students' responsibility. Interested teens must submit applications by April 6. A maximum of two youngsters will be sent by each major command. Final selections will be announced at the end of April. Applications may be picked up now at the Youth Center, or call 8-8844 for details.



Community events

Today: ACC 3-on-3 tourney is March 24. Call 8-3714. Open House at D-M Lanes is from 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday: Shop Nogales today with ITT. Call 8-3700. Golf Club Championships today and Sunday.

Monday: Sign up for Friday's FamCamp golf meet. Call 747-9144.

Tuesday: D-M Lanes are open Monday through Saturday. Call 8-3461.

Wednesday: Outdoor Recreation camping/caving trip is March 24 through 25. Call 8-3736.

Thursday: Cyber Café coming soon to the Community Center. Call 8-3717.

Outdoor weekend extravaganza

Join the Outdoor Recreation Center for a camping, caving and hiking weekend, March 24 through 25. The first day will be spent setting up camp in Nugget Canyon, near Oracle, exploring nearby Peppersauce Cave and hiking along trails on the north side of the Catalina Mountains. Bring personal items and food for lunch, dinner and breakfast. Old clothes and a good flashlight are recommended for the trip into Peppersauce Cave. Transportation, campsite fees and camping equipment cost \$35 per person. Come to Outdoor Recreation, Building 4430, or call 8-3736 for information.

Free bowling at new center

Stop by the Bowling Center today from 3 to 5:30 p.m. to see the new glow-in-the-dark lanes and approaches and automatic, lighted bumpers. The reopening features free bowling and shoe rental, refreshments and beverages. To find out more, call the Bowling Center at 8-3461.

Children's library story hour

The Base Library has a children's story hour every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. Stories will be read and arts and crafts will also be available. Call 8-4381 for more information.



Education services

Web Developer Certification

University of Phoenix is offering a Web Developer Certificate Program at D-M. This program is designed to provide students with competencies to understand, analyze, and develop business computer applications that will operate in the World Wide Web environment. Students will be able to design, develop, test and implement software applications using tools widely accepted in today's technical environment. For more information, please call Lee Almond at 881-6512 ext. 144.

SAT and ACT testing dates

SAT testing will be held today, April 6, and May 4. ACT testing is scheduled for March 23, April 20, and May 18. Please call 8-4813 or 8-4815 to schedule a date.

Degree, commission same time

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is offering an opportunity to simultaneously finish your degree and earn a commission. Individuals wishing to pursue a graduate degree or those who can combine undergraduate and graduate studies and graduate in fiscal year 2002 are eligible. Call Phil King at 8-4249 or Wes Flannigan at 8-5191 for information.



Family support

Saturday: Give Parents A Break is from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Child Development Center and Youth Center.

Monday: Resume Workshop is from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center.

Tuesday: Baby Basics, Baby Development is from noon to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Time for Tots is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Wednesday: Sponsorship Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center.

Thursday: Fun Time is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Child Care for PCS

The Air Force Aid Society's "Child Care for PCS" program is now available at Davis-Monthan. Co-sponsored by the Family Support Center and the family child care program, families with permanent change of station orders are eligible to receive a "Child Care for PCS Certificate" from the Family Support Center for use within 30 days of the family's departure from or arrival at the base. Child care is done in licensed family child care homes. This program is targeted at E-5's and

below. Make an appointment to sign up by calling 8-5690. For information, call Tom McCord or Rico Triana at 8-4024 or 8-3891.

Hearts Apart Golf and Stuff party

Hearts Apart Golf and Stuff Party will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 24. This is for those who are enrolled in the Hearts Apart Program. Call 8-5690 for more information and reservations.

Times for Tots

Time for Tots is a weekly playgroup open to parents and children ages 4 and younger. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel. The next Time for Tots will be March 20. Call 8-5690 for more information.

Transition Assistance Seminar

A three-day Transition Assistance Seminar is held monthly from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next seminar will be March 21 through 23. The seminar is a joint venture of the Department of Labor, the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Department of Defense. All military members and their spouses within 180 days of separation or retirement are eligible to attend. Key subject areas covered include job search techniques, interview techniques, civilian dress, and veteran's benefits. Its primary focus is on preparing departing service members to conduct an effective job search in the civilian marketplace. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations must be made for member and spouse as space is limited. If for some reason you cannot attend, call and cancel the reservation so others can attend. Call 8-5690 for reservations.

Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break program is from 2 to 6 p.m. March 24 This program offers free childcare to active-duty Air Force parents who need a break from the stresses of parenting for a few hours. Families who are eligible for this program include those where a parent is feeling stress due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. For more information or a referral, call 8-5690.

Sponsor training

The next sponsorship class is Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center. This mandatory one-hour class for new sponsors covers effective sponsorship and offers useful products and information. This is excellent training for sponsors to help new members and their families move to base. Reservations are required. Call 8-5690.

Right Start briefing

Right Start will be conducted every Tuesday of each month at the Community Center from 8 a.m. to noon. The next Right Start will be March 20. Sign up to attend by calling Military Personnel Flight, INTRO Office at 8-3076/4478. Right Start is a base introductory program designed to welcome all newcomers, military, DoD civilians and their spouses.



Other agencies

Women's History celebration

The Women's History Month celebration is March 28. Two programs are scheduled on that day and both are at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The morning program is from 7:30 to 11 a.m. A continental breakfast for \$5 will be served. Guest speakers will discuss problem solving, vision and depression. The lunch program is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 (members) or \$12 (non-members), and a choice of chef or chicken supreme salad. Lt. Col. Gina Giles, 12th Air Force Chief of Staff, is the guest speaker. RSVP no later than March 16. Call Peg Nelson at 8-8440, Marie Hanna at 8-3812 or Barbara Dycus at 8-5159 to RSVP.

AFPC is coming to D-M

The Air Force Personnel Center Spread the Word Assignment team will be here Wednesday and Thursday. Briefings will be at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on both days at the base theater. A variety of assignment subjects will be discussed. Call Chief Steven Ehlers at 8-5689 for more information

Kindergarten Round-ups

Borman Elementary and Smith School are holding their annual Kindergarten Round-up for students in their attendance area who will be five years old by August 31. Visitation day and pre-registration for Borman will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 28. Call Borman at 512-3350 for more information. Visitation day and pre-registration for Smith School will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 29. Call Smith at 512-3330. Parents should bring their child's immunization records, birth certificate and proof of residence.

Society of Military Widows meet

The next Society of Military Widows, Chapter 14, meeting will be March 17 at the Officers' Club. The featured program will be "Seeing Eye Dogs." The society is for widows of servicemen who died on active-duty or in retirement. All services and ranks are welcomed. Call 797-4526 for reservations or 298-1145 for more information.

Dinner, dancing and fashion

Black Heritage Association Celebration of Black Fashion is Saturday at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. The event will consist of dinner, a fashion show, and dancing. The events begins at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails/social hour, while the fashion show will start at 6:30 p.m. Ticket are \$15. For tickets call 1st Lt. Marlon Taylor at 8-9043 or Senior Airman Kanani Reed at 8-9324.

Black-tie charity gala

The D-M Officers Spouses Club is hosting their annual charity gala and silent auction March 24. This black-tie event will feature a silent auction, five-course meal, and dancing to 40's and swing music. The gala is open to all officers club members. All funds from the silent auction go toward scholarships for military dependents. Deadline for reservations is March 16. Reserve now by calling Melissa Carter at 615-2247 (for O-7 and above and retirees); Marla Howes at 751-9155 (for O-4 through O-6); Cynthia Thomas at 512-4695 (for O-3 and O-2).

Officers' Spouses' Club brunch

The Officers' Spouses' Club brunch meeting is Thursday at the Officers' Club. The brunch starts at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Shanna Moore-Best, Family Support Center director. Call Marla Howes at 751-9155 for more information.

Estate claims

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Tech. Sgt. Richard F. Coles, deceased, assigned to 355th Medical Operations Squadron, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Sarah Coors-Davidson 8-1505, 355th Medical Support Squadron.

Munitions Storage Area closure

The munitions area will only be able to provide limited support due to a 100 percent semi-annual inventory between March 19 through 31. All munitions transactions for custody accounts must be completed prior to March 19. Any requirements after this date will require an emergency issue letter. Call 8-8911 for more information.

Air Force Times wants you

Air Force Times announces the first annual Air Force Times Airman of the Year Award. The publication will honor Air Force members whose efforts unselfishly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty, making a difference in their communities. Nominees must be active-duty. Reserve, or Guard status through June 3. Deadline for submission of nominations is March 26. Nomination packages must include: 1) Your name, address, and commercial phone number and email, 2) Your nominee's name, address, and commercial phone number, 3) Your nominee's current unit commander's name, address and commercial phone number, 4) In 300 words or less, describe why your nominee deserves this award, and 5) Include the names and contact information of three people who can verify the achievements of your nominee. Nominations can be submitted by mail. email or online as follows: Mail: Airman of the Year Award, Air Force Times, 6883 Commercial Dr., Springfield, VA, USA 22159.

Email: AirmanOfTheYear@atpco.com. **Online**: www.airforcetimes.com/nomination

The names of four finalists will be published in Air Force Times April 30, and the winner will be announced May 7. The award ceremony will be held the week of May 14 at Capitol Hill.



Movie theater

Today: Thirteen Days, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Saturday**: Cast Away, (PG-13), 7 p.m. **Sunday**: The Pledge, (R), 7 p.m.

March 16: Save The Last Dance, (PG-13),

/ p.m.

March 17: Sugar and Spice, (PG-13), 7 p.m.

March 18: Snatch, (R), 7 p.m.